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(c) For classification purposes, the BTS shall publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER annually an index number which shall be used for adjusting gross annual operating revenues. The index number (deflator) is based on the Producer Price Index of Finished Goods and is used to eliminate the effects of inflation from the classification process.

NOTE: Each carrier's operating revenues will be deflated annually using the Producers Price Index (PPI) of Finished Goods before comparing them with the dollar revenue limits prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section. The PPI is published monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The formula to be applied is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Current year's annual}}{\text{operating revenues}} \times \frac{1986 \text{ average PPI}}{\text{Current year's average PPI}} = \frac{\text{Adjusted annual operating revenues}}{\text{operating revenues}}$$

[53 FR 4029, Feb. 11, 1988. Redesignated at 63 FR 52193, Sept. 30, 1998, and amended at 68 FR 4719, Jan. 30, 2003]

§ 1420.4 Annual and quarterly reports of Class I carriers of passengers.

(a) All Class I motor carriers of passengers shall complete and file Motor Carrier Quarterly and Annual Report Form MP-1 for Motor Carriers of Passengers (Form MP-1). Other than Class I carriers are not required to file Form MP-1

(b) Motor Carrier Quarterly and Annual Report Form MP-1 shall be used to file both quarterly and annual selected motor carrier data. The annual accounting period shall be based either (1) on the 31st day of December in each year, or (2) an accounting year of thirteen 4-week periods ending at the close of the last 7 days of each calendar year. A carrier electing to adopt an accounting year of thirteen 4-week periods shall file with the BTS a statement showing the day on which its accounting year will close. A subsequent change in the accounting period may not be made except by authority of the BTS. The quarterly accounting period shall end on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. The quarterly report shall be filed within 30 days after the end of the reporting quarter. The annual report shall be filed on or before March 31 of the year following the year to which it relates.

(c) The quarterly and annual report shall be filed in duplicate to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics at the address in §1420.6. Copies of Form MP-1 may be obtained from the BTS.

[52 FR 20400, June 1, 1987. Redesignated at 63 FR 52193, Sept. 30, 1998, as amended at 68 FR 4719, Jan. 30, 2003]

§ 1420.5 Records.

Books, records and carrier operating documents shall be retained as prescribed in 49 CFR part 1220, Preservation of Records.

[52 FR 10383, Apr. 1, 1987. Redesignated at 63 FR 52193, Sept. 30, 1998]

§ 1420.6 Address.

The following address must be used by motor carriers when submitting a report, requesting an exemption from filing a report, or requesting an exemption from public release of a report: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Department of Transportation, K-13, 400 Seventh St., SW., Washington, DC 20590. This address may also be used for general correspondence regarding the data collection program described in this section.

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§1420.8 Requests for exemptions from filing.

- (a) *In General.* This section governs requests for exemptions from filing of reports required under §1420.1.
- (b) *Criteria.* The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) may grant a request upon a proper showing that the exemption is necessary to preserve confidential business information that is